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Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I have been enjoying some of the rhetoric I have been hearing from some of my friends on the other side of the aisle today. Clearly, when it comes to a rise in energy prices, the policies of my friends on the left side of the aisle is very simple, and that is called pass the buck.

They talk about the California energy crisis. Who has been in charge in California? A Democratic governor, a Democratic State legislature. Who prevented the power plants from being built over the last decade? A Democratic governor, a Democratic State legislature.

Of course, we at the national level in Chicago are seeing over \$2 gasoline. Why? Because a Democratic administration in the White House failed for 8 years to do anything about energy.

We have a new President that has been in office now for 4½ months, 5 months. He inherited clearly serious energy problems. He has now come forward with an energy proposal which deserves bipartisan support.

The bottom line is we need to conserve. We need to find new domestic sources, and we must reduce our independence on imported oil.

ENERGY CRISIS REQUIRES ACTION

(Mr. BERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, we definitely have an energy crisis in this country. There is no question about it, and it is time for us to find a solution.

It does us no good to try to blame each other. The President and the Republicans put forth their energy policy last week. It calls for more production. We agree with that. It is a partial solution.

We know we are going to have to have increased production. I was disappointed that it did not call for increased production from the OPEC countries on the short term.

We are the greatest economic power on the face of the Earth. And if we can be held hostage by OPEC in this time, then we are not the greatest economic power on the face of the Earth; and we should recognize that and deal with it appropriately.

We know that conservation is the cheapest and quickest way to help our situation. We know that alternative energy sources are important and should be researched and developed as is appropriate. We know that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should do the responsible thing.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

(Mr. McNULTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, like many Americans, I like to go around bragging about how we live in the freest and most open democracy on the face of the Earth, but freedom is not free.

We paid a tremendous price for it. I try not to let a day go by without remembering with gratitude all of those who, like my brother Bill, made the supreme sacrifice, to remember all of those who, like some of the people I am looking at in this Chamber right now, were willing to put their lives on the line for all that we hold dear.

As we approach Memorial Day in the year 2001, I am going to try to continue to keep my priorities straight and to do every day what I am doing this morning. I thank God for my life. I thank veterans for my way of life.

TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) for his diligent work this week in addressing the increasing problem of transportation congestion in our Nation.

As a Member of Congress who represents a suburban district that has experienced a great deal of growth, I see the importance of a well-maintained and modern transportation system on a daily basis.

The residents of the 10th Congressional District of Illinois consistently ranked transportation needs as one of the primary challenges facing our way of life. Our region is gripped by highway gridlock and exacerbated by continued outward expansion of residential and commercial properties.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation's transportation infrastructure is critical to our social and economic vitality. We must continue to improve local commuter rail lines that will bring thousands of automobiles off congested roadways.

It will also help us meet the mandates of the Clean Air Act; and, additionally, we need to invest in high-speed rail that will give an alternative to congested airports.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with the gentleman from Alaska on this matter and thank him for the commitment this week to fighting congestion.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 336, nays 71, answered “present” 1, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 147]

YEAS—336

Abercrombie	DeLay	Johnson (CT)
Ackerman	DeMint	Johnson (IL)
Akin	Deutsch	Johnson, Sam
Allen	Dicks	Jones (NC)
Andrews	Dingell	Kanjorski
Armey	Dooley	Kaptur
Baca	Doolittle	Keller
Bachus	Doyle	Kelly
Baker	Dreier	Kennedy (RI)
Baldwin	Duncan	Kerns
Ballenger	Dunn	Kildee
Barcia	Edwards	Kilpatrick
Barr	Ehlers	Kind (WI)
Barrett	Ehrlich	King (NY)
Bartlett	Emerson	Kingston
Barton	Engel	Kirk
Bass	Eshoo	Klecza
Bentsen	Etheridge	Knollenberg
Bereuter	Evans	Kolbe
Berkley	Everett	LaFalce
Berman	Farr	LaHood
Berry	Fattah	Lampson
Biggert	Ferguson	Langevin
Bilirakis	Flake	Lantos
Bishop	Fletcher	Largent
Blagojevich	Foley	Latham
Blumenauer	Ford	Leach
Blunt	Fossella	Lewis (CA)
Boehert	Frank	Lewis (GA)
Boehner	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (KY)
Bonilla	Frost	Linder
Bono	Galleghy	Lipinski
Boswell	Ganske	Lofgren
Boucher	Gekas	Lowe
Boyd	Gibbons	Lucas (KY)
Brady (TX)	Gilchrest	Lucas (OK)
Brown (FL)	Gilman	Luther
Brown (SC)	Gonzalez	Maloney (CT)
Bryant	Goode	Maloney (NY)
Burr	Goodlatte	Markey
Buyer	Gordon	Mascara
Callahan	Goss	Matheson
Calvert	Graham	Matsui
Camp	Granger	McCarthy (MO)
Cannon	Graves	McCarthy (NY)
Cantor	Green (WI)	McCollum
Capito	Greenwood	McHugh
Capps	Grucci	McInnis
Cardin	Gutierrez	McIntyre
Carson (IN)	Hall (TX)	McKeon
Carson (OK)	Hansen	McKinney
Castle	Harman	Meehan
Chabot	Hart	Mica
Chambliss	Hastings (WA)	Millender-
Clay	Hayes	McDonald
Clayton	Hayworth	Miller (FL)
Clement	Herger	Miller, Gary
Clyburn	Hill	Mollohan
Coble	Hobson	Moran (KS)
Collins	Hoeffel	Moran (VA)
Combest	Holden	Morella
Conyers	Holt	Myrick
Cooksey	Honda	Napolitano
Cox	Hoolley	Ney
Coyne	Horn	Northup
Cramer	Hostettler	Norwood
Crenshaw	Houghton	Nussle
Culberson	Hoyer	Obey
Cummings	Hunter	Ortiz
Cunningham	Hutchinson	Osborne
Davis (CA)	Hyde	Ose
Davis (FL)	Inslee	Otter
Davis (IL)	Isakson	Owens
Davis, Jo Ann	Israel	Oxley
Davis, Tom	Issa	Pascarell
Deal	Istook	Pastor
DeGette	Jackson (IL)	Paul
DeLaunt	Jenkins	Payne
DeLauro	John	Pelosi